



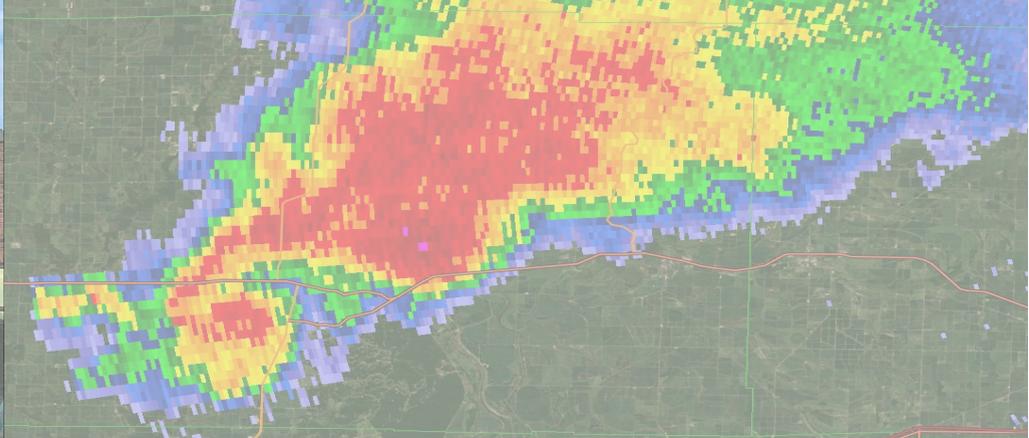
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Emergency Management Briefing

Winter Storm Feb 22 - Feb 23

Monday 2/23/2026





For Southern New England

Key Messages:

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New Information/Updates

- No significant changes.





Most Likely Snowfall and Confidence Levels

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Timing Confidence

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

- Heaviest snow rates 2-4" per hour between 4 AM and noon
- Accumulating Snow ends Monday 4 to 10 PM.

Snow Amounts Confidence

LOW

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HIGH

- Most likely closer to the lower end of these ranges.
- Totals 18-24", locally higher amounts up to 30", possible across RI/SE MA. 9-18" western MA/CT.
- Outer Cape/Nantucket brief change to rain.

Travel Impacts Confidence

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

- Travel difficult to impossible at times.
- Blizzard conditions and periods of heavy snow will result in low visibility.
- Tree damage power outages, esp eastern MA/RI

Expected Additional Snowfall Through This Evening

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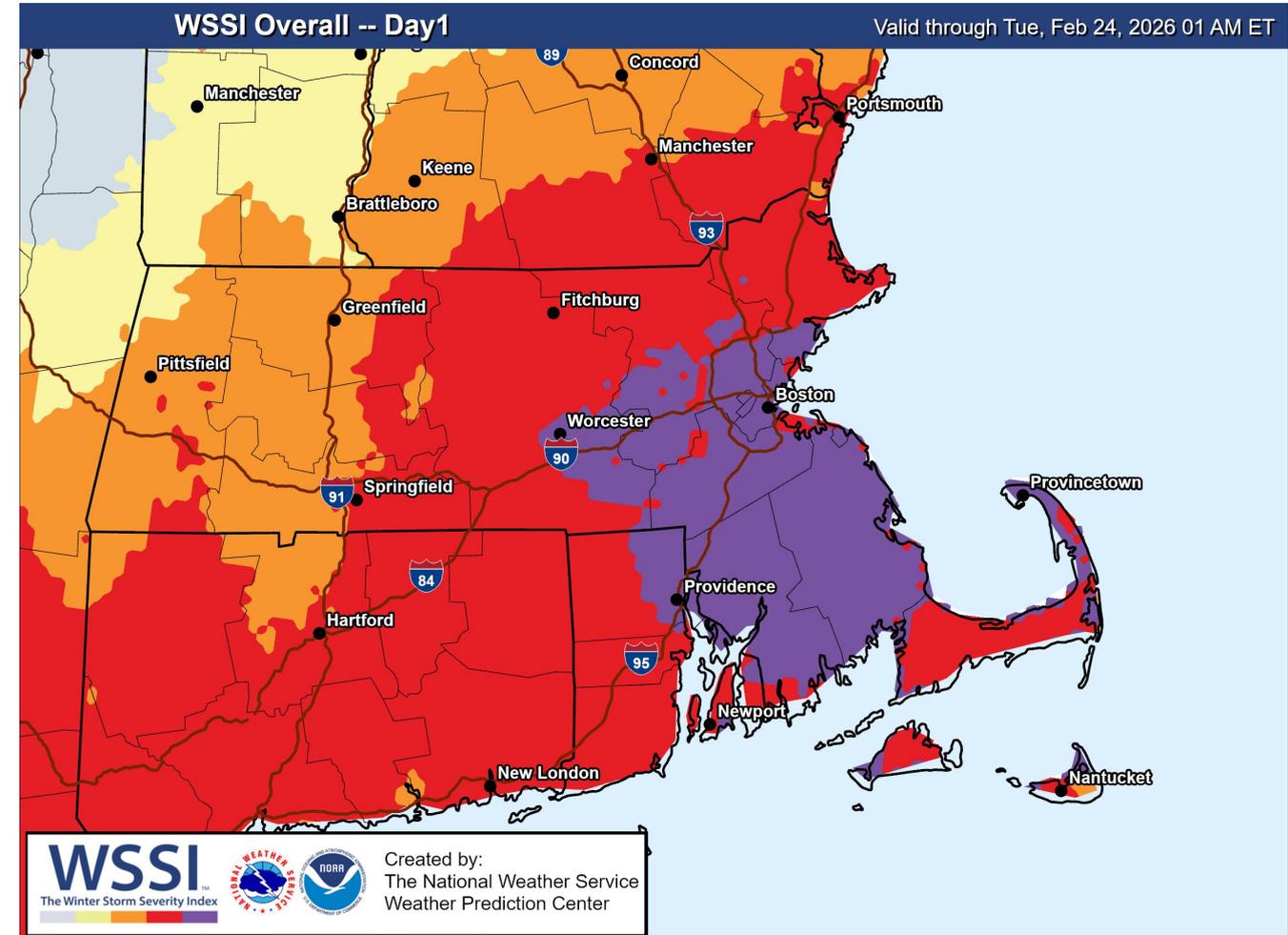


Impacts - Heavy Wet Snow & Strong Winds

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Winter Storm Severity Index:
Major to Extreme Impacts (Today)

- Potentially historic/destructive storm southeast of Boston to Providence with heavy wet snow and strong NE wind gusts of 50 to 70 mph. NE Gusts to hurricane force Cape and Islands. Power outages and tree damage.
- Blizzard conditions and near zero visibility at times northwest of I-95 with NE wind gusts of 40 to 60 mph at times.
- The heaviest snowfall rates of 2-3" per hour and perhaps briefly up to 4" per hour will be between 4 AM and noon. The strongest winds overspread the region between 4 and 8 AM and continue through this afternoon.



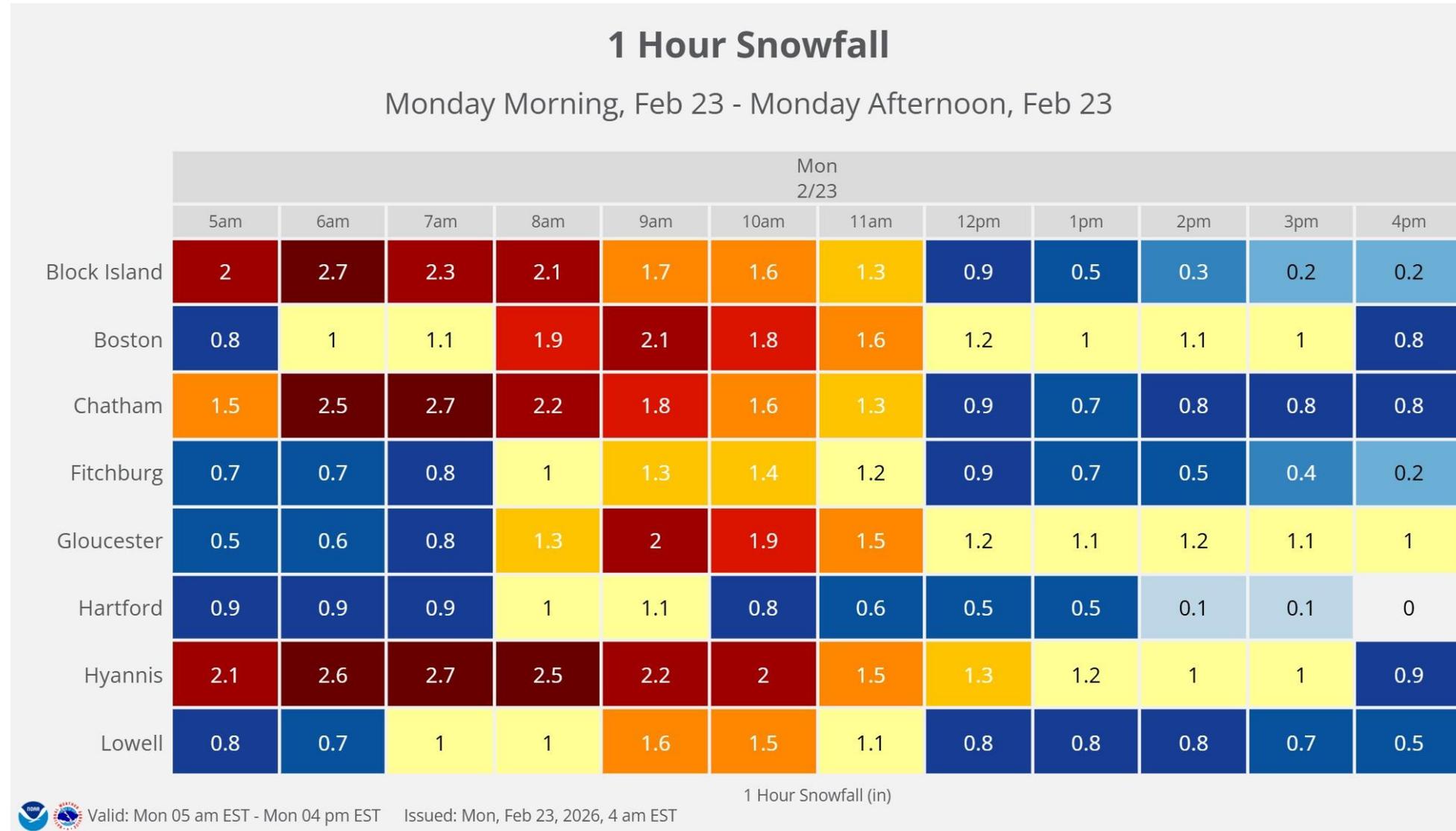
Potential Winter Storm Impacts		Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)		Issued: Mon, Feb 23, 2026 01 AM ET		
Winter Weather Area Expect winter weather. • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.	Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life. • Winter driving conditions. Use Caution while driving.	Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life. • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.	Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life. Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible. Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.	Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life. Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised. Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. Life-saving actions may be needed.		



Timing of Heaviest Snowfall (2-3"/hr, possibly 4"/hr)

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- Heaviest snowfall between 4 AM and noon today.
- The graphic on the right is the approximate average hourly snowfall rates.
- Snowfall rates of 1-3" per hour, and perhaps briefly up to 4" per hour across RI and southeast MA. Travel will be nearly impossible with strong winds, blizzard conditions with visibility near zero at times.





Expected Ending Time of Accumulating Snow Today

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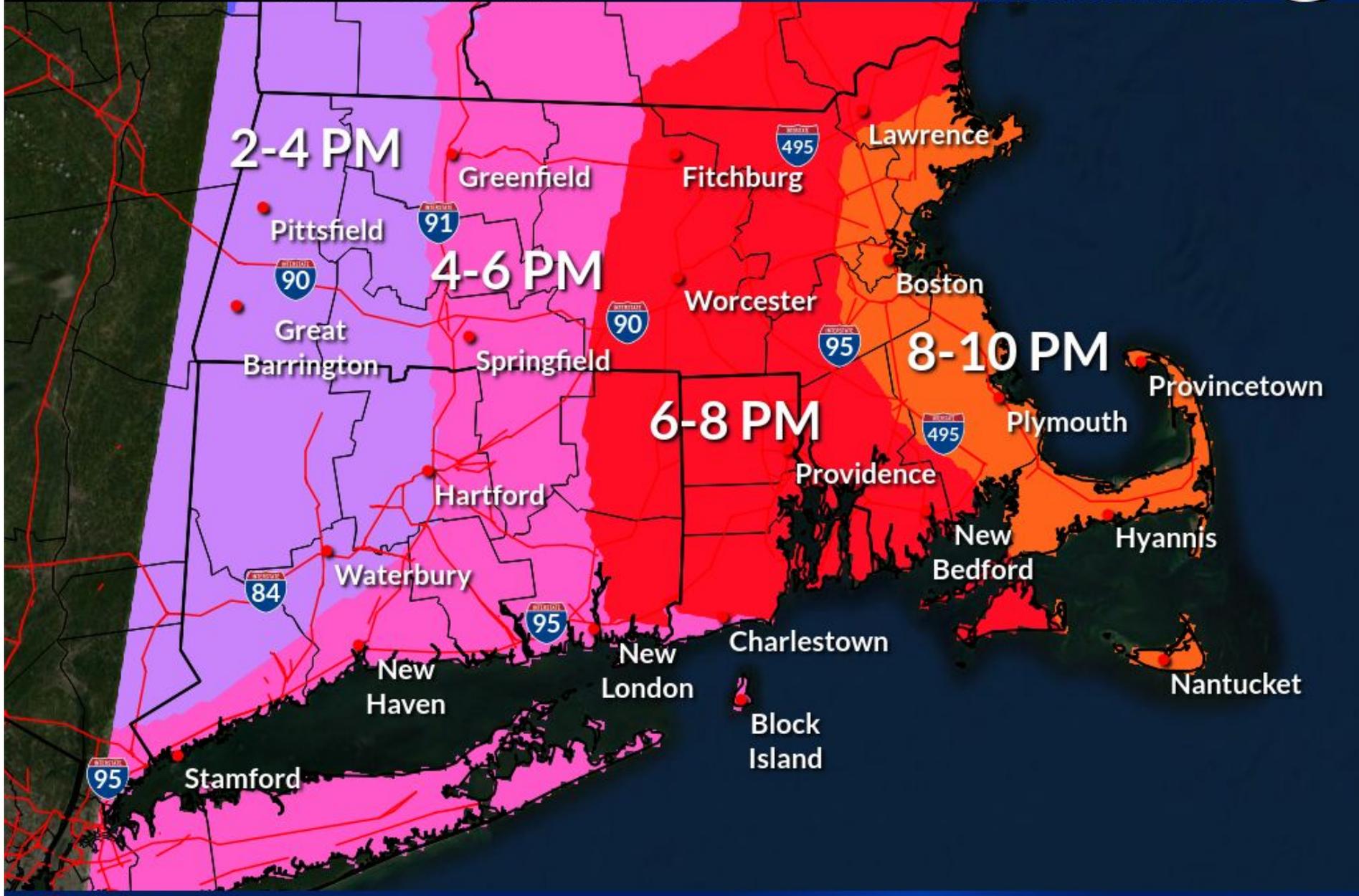
Snowfall Ending Time Through This Evening

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Snow Ends From West to East Between 2 PM and 10 PM

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Strong North/Northeast Winds Expected

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- **Strong to Damaging Winds.**

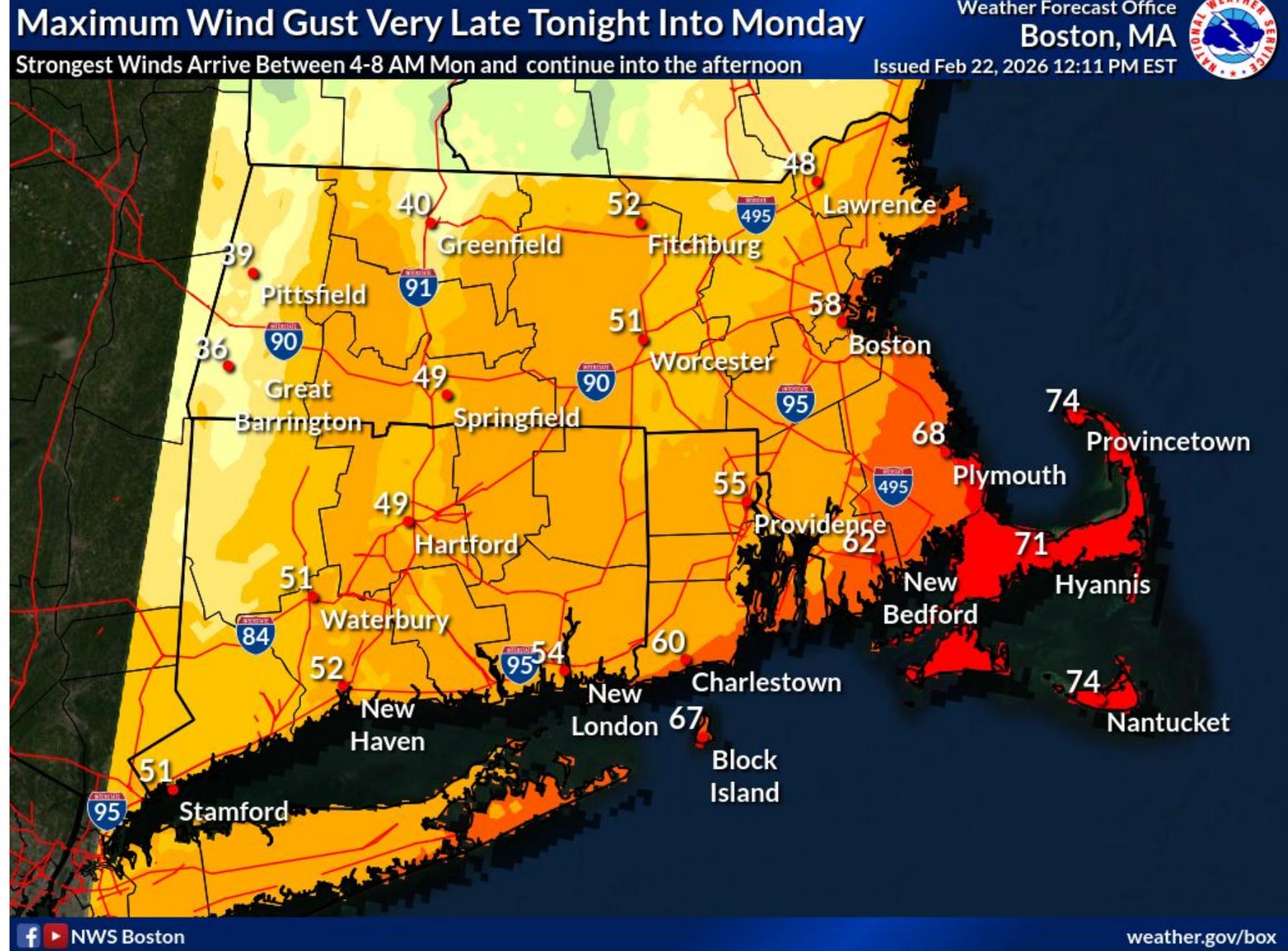
- NE wind gusts 45 to 65 mph with gusts to hurricane force for the Cape and Islands.

- **Timing:**

- Strongest winds overspread the region from south to north by 8 AM Today
- Peak gusts Through 5 PM today

- **Impacts:**

- Tree damage and power outages.
 - Powerful NE winds with heavy wet snow will result in the potential for a Historic/Destructive storm southeast of the Boston to Providence corridor.



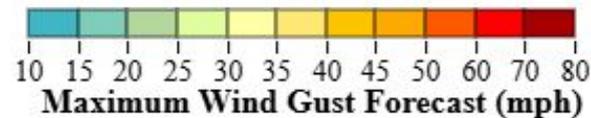


Hourly Maximum Wind Gusts Today and Tonight

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Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	2/23 Mon																	2/24 Tue						Gust Max			
	5am	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	12am	1am	2am	3am		4am	5am	6am
Block Island	68	68	69	70	71	70	68	66	63	53	52	47	44	40	43	39	37	33	32	31	30	26	26	26	26	25	71
Boston	47	49	59	58	58	60	54	54	54	48	45	41	39	38	31	31	32	32	30	29	26	23	22	22	22	21	60
Brockton	48	51	56	58	58	59	58	55	54	48	45	43	41	39	31	31	31	31	29	26	24	21	21	21	20	18	59
Gloucester	52	54	59	60	60	61	61	61	61	56	52	48	46	44	41	39	38	36	33	32	30	26	25	25	25	25	61
Greenfield	38	38	41	41	40	40	40	39	39	37	37	36	35	33	24	26	29	31	29	28	25	21	21	21	20	18	41
Hartford	44	45	48	48	49	49	48	46	45	40	40	38	37	35	24	25	28	29	28	25	24	20	21	21	21	20	49
Hyannis	59	61	64	67	71	66	66	64	64	61	58	56	53	52	52	47	44	39	37	33	31	25	24	24	23	22	71
Lowell	40	43	46	46	47	47	47	46	46	43	41	39	36	32	29	29	29	29	28	25	24	20	20	20	18	17	47
Nantucket	69	70	72	74	74	74	74	63	62	59	58	56	55	53	58	52	47	41	38	35	31	25	25	25	24	23	74
New Bedford	54	56	62	62	62	62	62	61	61	53	48	45	41	40	35	33	32	31	29	28	25	22	22	21	21	21	62
Newport	55	58	61	61	61	61	60	59	58	48	46	44	41	38	38	36	32	30	29	28	26	23	23	22	22	21	61
Providence	46	47	53	54	54	55	55	54	54	45	41	39	37	32	26	26	25	25	24	22	21	17	17	17	16	16	55
Provincetown	62	66	70	71	74	74	74	74	72	69	67	62	60	58	59	54	51	46	43	40	37	31	31	30	30	29	74
Springfield	44	44	48	48	48	48	47	47	46	43	43	39	39	37	25	28	30	32	30	29	26	23	22	22	22	21	48
Vineyard Haven	60	64	67	69	71	71	68	63	62	54	52	48	47	44	43	39	37	33	31	29	26	23	23	23	23	22	71
Worcester	46	47	51	49	48	47	47	48	48	43	40	38	37	35	30	31	31	32	31	29	28	23	23	22	22	21	51

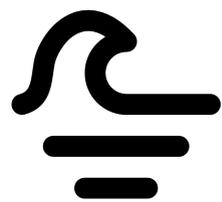


Storm Warnings

Tonight into Monday



- **Dangerous/life threatening conditions for Mariners**
- **NE wind gusts to Hurricane Force**



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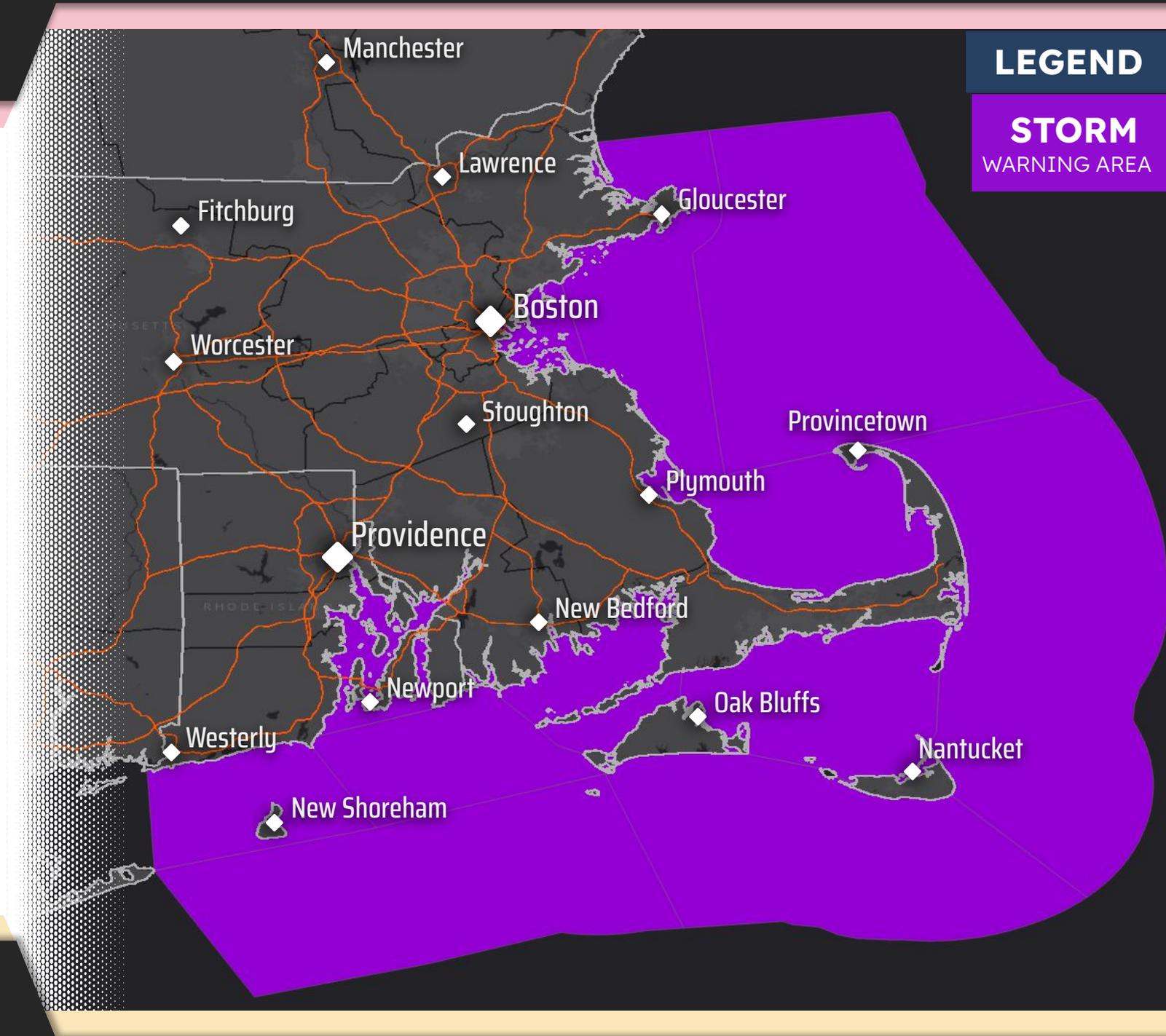
- **20-25 ft**

WIND

- **Sustained NE 40-50 knots, gusts 60-70 knots (Hurricane Force).**



- **Mariners should return to port this is a very dangerous storm.**
- **Storm force winds and hazardous seas could capsize or damage vessels and reduce visibility.**



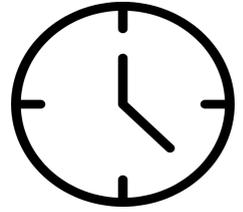
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Monday Two High Tides

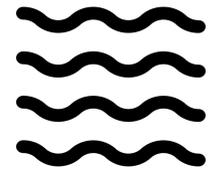


Early Mon AM & Mon PM High Tides
Greatest impacts at Mon AM High Tide

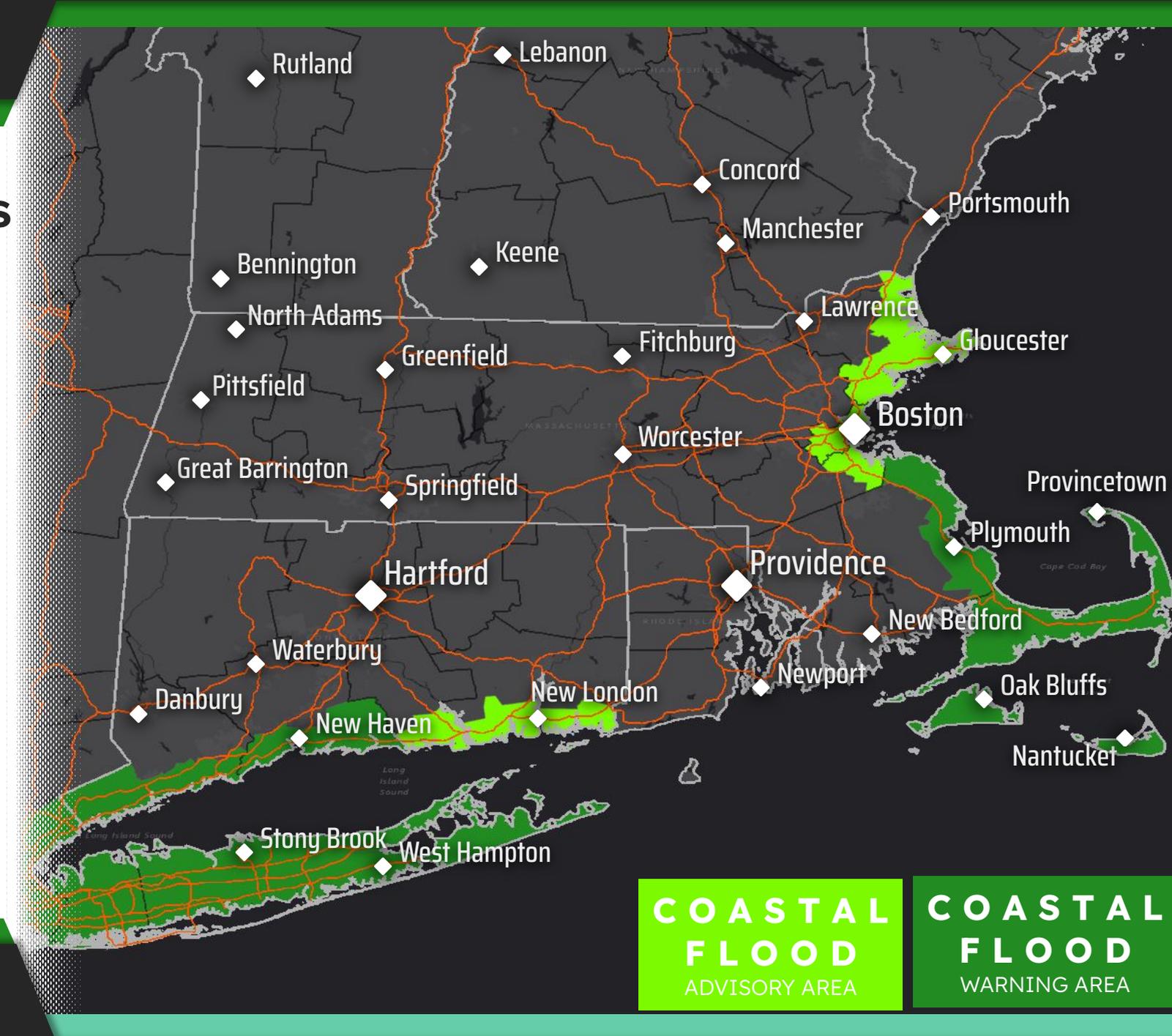


Warning: East coast south of Boston, Nantucket.

Advisory: East coast Boston and northward.



- **Minor-Moderate Coastal Flooding**
- **Beach Erosion & Coastal Inundation**



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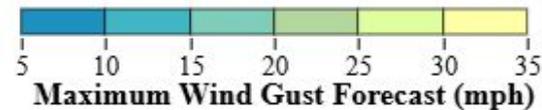


Week Ahead: Wind Gusts

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Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

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Boston	21	20	14	10	15	17	14	14	13	14	14	15	15	15	13	10	14	16	16	15	17	17	16
Brockton	20	18	13	9	17	20	13	13	14	14	13	15	16	16	12	9	14	16	15	14	17	18	15
Gloucester	25	20	17	15	18	20	16	17	17	15	17	18	18	16	15	14	16	17	17	18	18	18	18
Greenfield	18	17	12	6	10	12	10	10	9	10	9	9	12	13	9	7	12	14	13	12	15	16	14
Hartford	21	21	12	8	15	17	14	12	10	13	12	13	14	15	10	7	13	16	14	13	17	18	16
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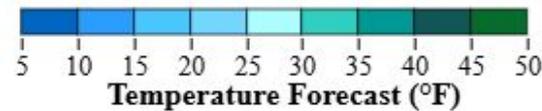


Week Ahead: Temperatures

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Temperature (°F) Forecast

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Greenfield	18	25	23	10	12	29	36	31	23	34	35	28	29	39	34	25	18	40	40	32	30	37	31
Hartford	19	27	25	11	17	36	37	33	25	37	38	31	34	41	36	27	22	41	41	33	31	42	35
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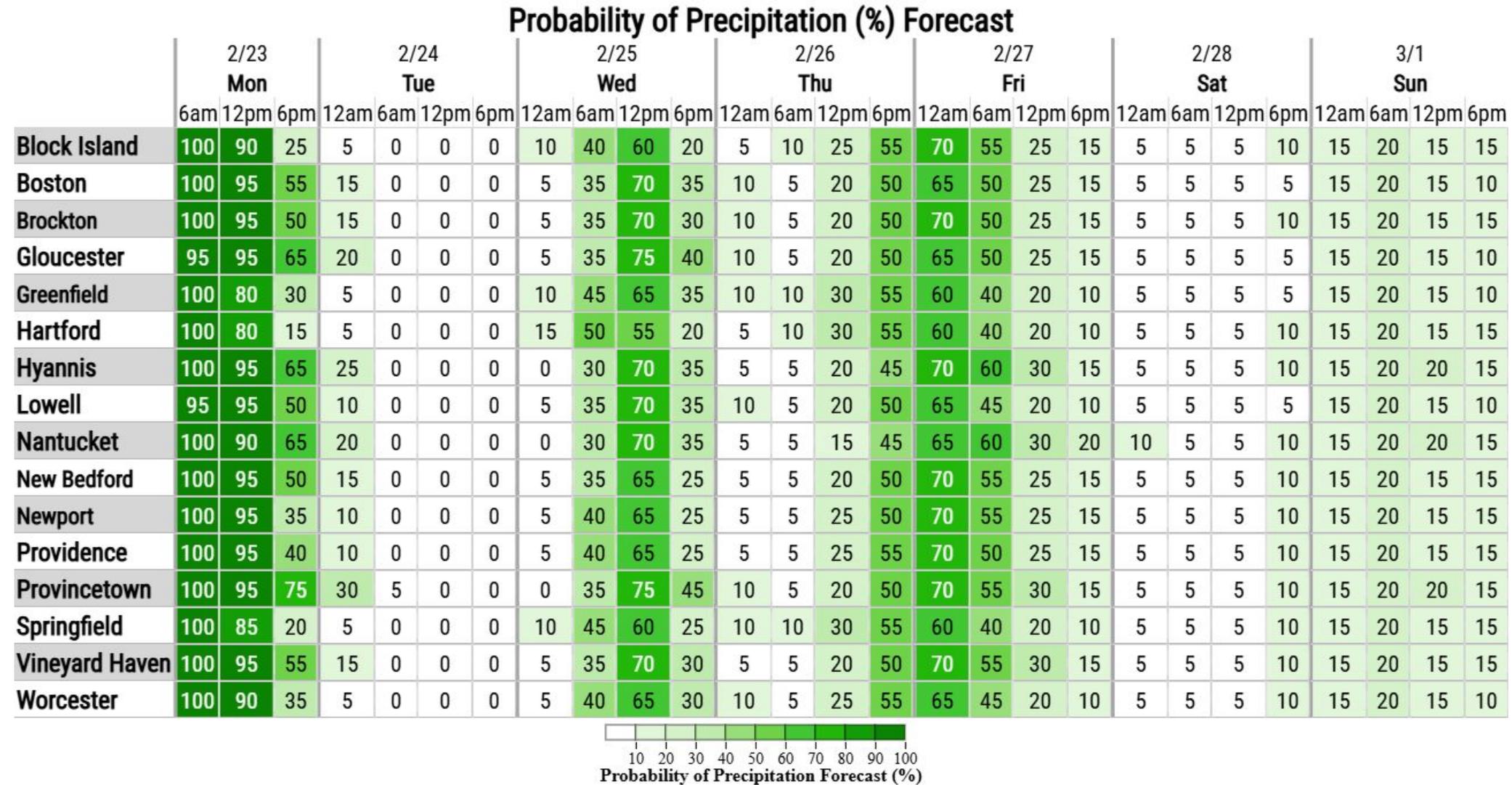




Week Ahead: Few Chances for Light Snow

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- **Widespread light snow Wednesday.**
 - Likely less than 3 inches for most locations.
- **Potential for another system late Thursday-Friday.**
 - Lower confidence in amounts (several days out).
 - This looks to be more of a wintry mix to perhaps plain rain eventually along the coastal plain.





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Next Briefing

→ Monday, by 4 PM



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